

## Message Text

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TAGS: EINV PINS SHUM DM  
SUBJ: JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

REF: 76 COTONOU 1807

1. DURING FEBRUARY 7 CALL ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, CHARGE RAISED QUESTION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY SEIZED BY BENINESE SECURITY FORCES IN APRIL 1976. PROTOCOL CHIEF SAID HE WAS AWARE OF CASE, BUT THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY RECENT, PRECISE DATA ON NATURE AND SIZE OF CLAIM. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF EMBASSY WOULD TRANSMIT INFORMATION, HE WOULD INSURE THAT IT WAS PASSED TO GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WHICH SETTLES INDEMNIFICATION CLAIMS.

2. EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 9 TRANSMITTED UNDER COVER OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE CARLOS PROSSER'S NOTORIZED DECLARATION IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH LISTING SEIZED ASSETS AND COMPENSATION BEING CLAIMED. SUGGEST THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED TO WATCH TOWER SOCIETY IN CASE THEY WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON MATTER WITH BENINESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.  
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